

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2010
VAN BOURGONDIE COUNTY PARK, WEST BABYLON, NY**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Chairman, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Vice Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton

ABSENT

Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton
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PARKS DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Montuori	Chief Deputy Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Colleen Hofmeister	Principal Contracts Examiner
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Richard Martin	Director of Historic Services
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

GUESTS

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Department
Pamela Greene	Director, Division of Real Property Acquisitions and Mgmt.
Janet Longo	Acquisitions Supervisor, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Mgmt.
Joan Smedley	Babylon Town Historical Society
Thomas B. Smith	Babylon Town Historical Society
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Chairman Cardillo called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC PORTION

There were not any members of the public present.

Van Bourgondien House

Richard Martin welcomed the meeting attendees to the Van Bourgondien House. The Babylon Town Historical Society are the custodians of the House. Richard Martin introduced Joan Smedley, president of the Historical Society and Thomas Smith, a board member.

Joan Smedley thanked the Trustees for coming to the Van Bourgondien House. In the fall, the Historical Society would like to have a function commemorating the Van Bourgondiens and perhaps a function commemorating Walt Whitman. Even though Walt Whitman is not associated with the House, he did teach in Babylon. Ms. Smedley said she hopes that next time the Trustees visit the House their museum will be up and running.

Tom Smith, also the town historian, gave a brief history of the Van Bourgondien House. In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Bourgondien purchased a 33 acre farm on Albin Avenue in West Babylon where they established a bulb farm and nursery. Their home was built in 1929 and was designed in the style of an English Tudor. The County purchased approximately 19 acres (including the house) in 1975. In 2009 the County entered into a custodial license agreement with the Babylon Town Historical Society to assist in the restoration, maintenance and management of the Van Bourgondien House, and surrounding fenced property, located on Albin Avenue in West Babylon. The Historical Society plans to recreate the building and establish an interpretative center to interpret five decades...the 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 20th, 2010

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee Dawson and seconded by Trustee Hollborn. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

Lauretta Fischer proposed one acquisition. A colored site map was distributed describing the property.

Dwarf Pine Plains County Park Addition – Condon Property – Pine Barrens Core Area - Westhampton, Town of Southampton

The acquisition of 1.56 acres in Westhampton, Town of Southampton. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program C12-5 (E)(1)(b).

A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Sickles and seconded by Trustee Engel. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chief Deputy Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

Memorial Day Weekend

Chief Deputy Commissioner Montuori visited some of our Parks over the weekend. The campgrounds were full and our beaches were crowded. Golf rounds are up this year.

Helen Keller House

The Helen Keller House resolution has been tabled for now.

Drownings at Cupsogue Beach

Both the Chief Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner went to Cupsogue on the day of the incident. The Chief Deputy Commissioner reported our lifeguard staff, EMT's and police did a wonderful job.

Chairman Cardillo commented that the two swimmers were swimming in a “non-swimming” area at Cupsgoue. The Chief Deputy Commissioner responded that was correct.

Approval of Operating Budget

Copies of the Operating Budget were distributed to the Trustees.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported the budget is similar to last year’s. We tried to keep the budget to what we spent in 2009 and what we requested in 2011.

A motion to approve the Operating Budget was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee Sickles. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Approval of the Draft RFP for the Smith Point Beach Concession

Copies of the Draft RFP were distributed to the Trustees.

Colleen Hofmeister asked the Trustees to review the Draft RFP. We need the approval of the Trustees before we can go forth with an RFP. She also asked for a Trustee to volunteer to serve on the RFP Committee. Trustee Hollborn volunteered to serve on that Committee.

A motion to approve the Draft RFP for the Smith Point Concession was made by Trustee Borden and seconded by Trustee Dawson. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Cardillo asked about the status of the fishing pier at Smith Point.

Smith Point Fishing Pier - Terry Maccarrone reported the work resumed on Monday at the fishing pier. Approximately half of the Ipe wood is on its way from South America. We will use domestic wood on the interior portions of the pier and the Ipe wood on the façade of the pier.

Woodhull Dam - Terry Maccarrone reported that after the storms in March, a culvert started to fail at Woodhull Dam. DPW has completed the emergency repairs of that culvert.

Fuchs Pond – Terry Maccarrone reported DPW is in the process of writing a recommendation letter awarding the contract to PSL Industries. PLS Industries came in significantly under budget. The letter should be going out next week.

GATR Maintenance Facility – Terry Maccarrone reported this project is going very well. It is close to completion. There was some money left over after doing the main building. We are using that money to fix up the secondary structure on that site to make it more ascetically pleasing.

Boardwalk at Cupsgoue County Park – Terry Maccarrone reported that this project has been sitting at DPW for one year. The survey work has been done. One of our Parks employees, Tom Johannemann, put together a design for the boardwalk. DPW is going to take that design and utilize it as a plan to put out to bid.

ROUND TABLE

Trustee Hilary asked about the status of the Helen Keller House.

Commissioner Montuori responded that a young child gave a presentation to save the Helen Keller House at the last Parks Committee meeting. The Parks Committee responded we do not have the funds to restore this facility. The resolution was tabled.

Richard Martin reiterated this was not Helen Keller's house. It was just a rental house that she stayed in for a short time one summer. This building has been denied eligibility to the National Register, to the State Register and to the Suffolk County Historic Trust.

Trustee Hopkins said she attended the meeting at Southaven regarding how to pay tribute to Ray Corwin. There might be a problem with our resolution to name the Central Pine Barrens Trail Center after him. At the meeting, Peter Scully mentioned he thought that the Center was already dedicated to someone and would check on this. Deputy Commissioner Bellone said the Parks Department doesn't believe it is dedicated to anyone.

Trustee Sickles complimented the Parks Department, especially Superintendent Tony Trotta, on the great job they did at the 2-Day Long Island Walk for Breast Cancer.

Pamela Greene reported on the acquisition of the Wojewocki Farm in Riverhead last week. We have preserved or purchased more acreage so far in 2010 than we did in all of 2009.

Trustee McKay thanked Tom Malanga for the wonderful job he did at the Earth Day Awards Dinner. It was a very pleasant evening.

Chairman Cardillo reported he will not be at the next Trustees meeting scheduled for July 15th, 2010 at Indian Island Country Club in Riverhead, New York. He also reported that the Town of Islip ran a terrific triathlon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Dawson and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 10-0-0